

Galloway Farmhouse,  
Garrison, Putnam County,  
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Location and Date

This little old house stands on the grounds of the Highland Country Club, at Garrison, opposite West Point, N. Y. Near the golf course, it is now used as the green-keeper's lodge. It was selected as one of the projects of the present survey because it is typical in its architectural features of the small farmhouse of 150 years ago. Its exact date is indeterminable. A search for possible references to it in descriptions in the early deeds to the land would probably yield no certain information. Internal evidence, however, seems to place its date at the end of the eighteenth or beginning of the nineteenth century. It is called the Galloway farmhouse after a family of that name who occupied it-- retainers of the owner named Arden who held title until the property was acquired by the Country Club.

Description

Very little changed since it was built, it faces south, and like many small houses in the country in early days, is protected from northern winds and snows by nearby hills.

It is built of hand-hewn timbers, which give the best evidence of its period, most of them in the interior of the house being exposed.

The exterior is covered with modern shingles, except under the porch where the original shingles remain.

The sweep of the roof line and the general outlines of the building are pleasing; and the fenestration, or arrangement of ~~door and~~ window openings, is peculiarly interesting.

The huge kitchen fireplace of brick and stone has its back of stone

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exposed on the outside of the building. The fireplace opening has now been carried to the ceiling to accommodate a modern stove, and the old Dutch oven has been bricked up.

The old wood mantels with good mouldings and flanking cupboards have been preserved.

The house is of no particular historical interest in itself, but is one of the oldest in Garrison, where Revolutionary movements were active at the time of the Arnold-André treason.

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